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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: George S. Gabriel et al.

Art Unit: To Be Assigned

Application No.: TBA - CIP of 10/274,619 Examiner: Be Assigned

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF PROVIDING SEALED BAGS OF FLUID AT THE CLEAN SIDE OF A LABORATORY FACILITY

Date: April 13, 2004

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be made Special and advanced out of turn for Examination.

This Petition is submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102 and M.P.E.P. § 708.02(IV) ("APPLICANT'S AGE").

Applicants submit herewith, in accordance with the provisions of M.P.E.P. § 708.02(IV), a copy of the birth certificate of inventor George S. Gabriel (Attached as Exhibit 1), thus providing evidence that applicant is 65 years of age or older.

While applicants do not deem that any fee is necessary in connection with this petition, the Commissioner is nevertheless authorized to charge any fee now or hereafter due to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

Application No.: TBA - (CIP of Appln. No. 10/274,619)

Petition To Make Special Dated: April 7, 2004

Applicants respectfully submit that this Petition should be granted. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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